



Mzansi Magic

Fashion fundi Anna-Louise Armstrong and her husband, Fabian Jean-Baptiste, the CEO of a mobile telecommunications company, picked SA for their intimate wedding

Anna-Louise and Fabian grew up in the same area and met while walking home from school. The next day Fabian asked Anna-Louise to lend him a pen... and the rest is history. "Fabian proposed twice: once in Florida, USA, on a family holiday, when he left a ring under my pillow, and then again – more formally – at home."

WEDDING PLANS

The couple chose a private sanctuary for a weekend wedding. "We liked the spaces that Vrede en Lust [in Franschhoek] had to offer and the freedom it gives you to plan your wedding," says Anna-Louise. Anne Mann from Wedding Concepts acted as the liaison for the couple, who did all their planning from abroad.

THE BIG DAY

Anna-Louise wanted a vintage theme, with a contemporary art deco twist. "The 1920s look was captured in the beadwork of the bridesmaids' dresses and the vintage look was incorporated in my lace Victorian-style wedding dress by Sottero Couture," she says. The wedding was attended by 50 of the couple's family and close friends.

ANNA-LOUISE'S ADVICE

"Try and stick to your budget – and relax! Delegate tasks, focus on the day and count your blessings: when you talk to other brides afterwards, you realise how many things could have gone wrong! Make sure your photographer captures everything, including the guests. Finally, pay attention to the overall look and feel of the wedding so that your day's truly memorable." **D**



LITTLE WHITE ADDRESS BOOK

Venue: Vrede en Lust – www.vnl.co.za.

Wedding Planner: Anne Mann @ Wedding Concepts – www.weddingconcepts.co.za.

Dress: Sottero Couture – www.maggiesottero.com.

Décor: Foci Functions – 021 946 4700.

Photographer & Videographer: Jules Morgan – www.julesmorgan.com and Cape Videos – www.capevideos.com.

Catering: Extreem Kwizeen – www.extreem.co.za

Wedding Cake: Anny Mac – 082 473 9513.